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SUBJECT: MINISTERS ANSARY AND AMOUZEGAR HEAD "WINGS" OF
RESURGENCE PARTY

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1. ON JULY 2 RUMORS APPEARED IN PRESS THAT TWO SENIOR CABINET
MINISTERS WOULD IMPLEMENT SHAH'S PLANS ANNOUNCED FOUR MONTHS
EARLIER TO FORM WINGS WITHIN RESURGENCE PARTY. BY LATER THAT
DAY NAMES OF ANSARY AND AMOUZEGAR HAD BEEN SUPPLIED, AND
SINCE THEN EVERY DAY HAS BROUGHT NEW LIST OF ADHERENTS TO
EACH GROUP. MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE ANSARY'S
WING, CONSTRUCTIVE LIBERALS, HAS STOLEN A MARCH ON OPPONENTS BY
ADOPTING POPULAR ISSUE OF FIGHT PROFITEERING AND LOWERING PRICES.
(SEE TEHRAN 6867 FOR AN ACCOUNT OF HIS CAMPAIGN.) ANSARY HAS
ATTRACTED MOST OF MINISTERS IN DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS (I.E. RURAL
AND COOP. AFFAIRS, AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRIES AND MINES, POWER)
AND INCLUDES PEOPLE WITH BUSINESS BACKGROUNDS. MINISTER OF
INTERIOR AMOUZEGAR HEADS THE PROGRESSIVE LIBERALS, WHICH
INCLUDES FOREIGN MINISTER AND SEVERAL OF HIS UNDERSECRETARIES,
JUSTICE, HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTRIES, AND VARIOUS
EDUCATORS. HIS CAMPAIGN PLATFORM, LESS FULLY DEVELOPED, IS
BASED ON A MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF IRAN'S WEALTH AND
FEATURES A DECLARATION THAT NO IRANIAN SHOULD HAVE TO PAY MORE
THAN 20 PERCENT OF HIS SALARY TO GET ADEQUATE HOUSING.

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2. NO ONE TEHRAN SEEMS TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT FORM "WINGS"

OF PARTY WILL TAKE. RUMORS THAT THEY MIGHT START THEIR OWN NEWSPAPERS TO RIVAL PARTY'S "ROSTOKHIZ" ("RESURGENCE") ARE NOW WIDELY DISBELIEVED, BUT WINGS ARE EXPECTED TO ISSUE MANIFESTOS LAYING DOWN THEIR GOALS FOR IRAN. PARLIAMENTARIANS ELECTED JUNE 20 MAY JOIN THEM, BUT NONE HAVE DONE SO YET. WINGS MAY ALSO SOLICIT MEMBERSHIP AMONG GENERAL PUBLIC.

3. COMMENT: FORMATION OF WINGS IS CLEAR ATTEMPT TO INJECT SOME LIFE INTO IRAN'S SO FAR LACKLUSTER SINGLE PARTY. ALTHOUGH ANSARY'S PLATFORM IS HIGHLY POPULAR, DIFFICULTY OF IMPLEMENTING IT IS OBVIOUS TO ALL IRANIANS AND LACK OF PROGRESS MAY EVENTUALLY REFLECT DISCREDIT ON PARTY. AMOUZEGAR'S PLATFORM SO FAR SEEMS LITTLE MORE THAN AN ECHO OF ANSARY'S. FACT THAT TWO MEN ARE MOST CONSISTENTLY TALKED-ABOUT CANDIDATES FOR THE PRIME MINISTERSHIP IF THE SHAH DECIDES TO DROP HOVEYDA, HAS HEIGHTENED INTEREST IN THEIR RIVALRY. IN ORGANIZATIONAL TERMS, LATEST MOVE WILL PROBABLY HAVE A DELETERIOUS EFFECT ON PARTY UNITY DESPITE HOVEYDA'S CALL FOR "UNITY WITHOUT UNIFORMITY.". IT IS A THROWBACK TO INTENSELY PERSONALIZED PARTIES OF PAST WHERE LOYALTY TO THE PARTY LEADER WAS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN LOYALTY TO ANY PARTY PLATFORM. FURTHERMORE, THE VAGUENESS OF RESPECTIVE PLATFORMS AND LACK OF DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN TWO WINGS LEAVES MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED RESURGENCE PARTY IN A QUANDRY AS TO WHAT COURSE OF ACTION IS NOW REQUIRED BY SIGNALS EMANATING FROM SHAH. AT THIS POINT MOST PARTY MEMBERS ARE WAITING TO SEE HOW WINGS DEVELOP BEFORE COMMITTING THEMSELVES.

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